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Members,

We continue to ask demonstrators to leave. Officers have been very busy with activity in the secured areas as well as the 100 checkpoints surrounding the secured area. We will provide you with updates throughout the operation.

ARRESTS: 15

VEHICLES TOWED: 4

STREETS CLEARED: We are slowly clearing Nicholas Street; operations have begun on Rideau and Sussex.

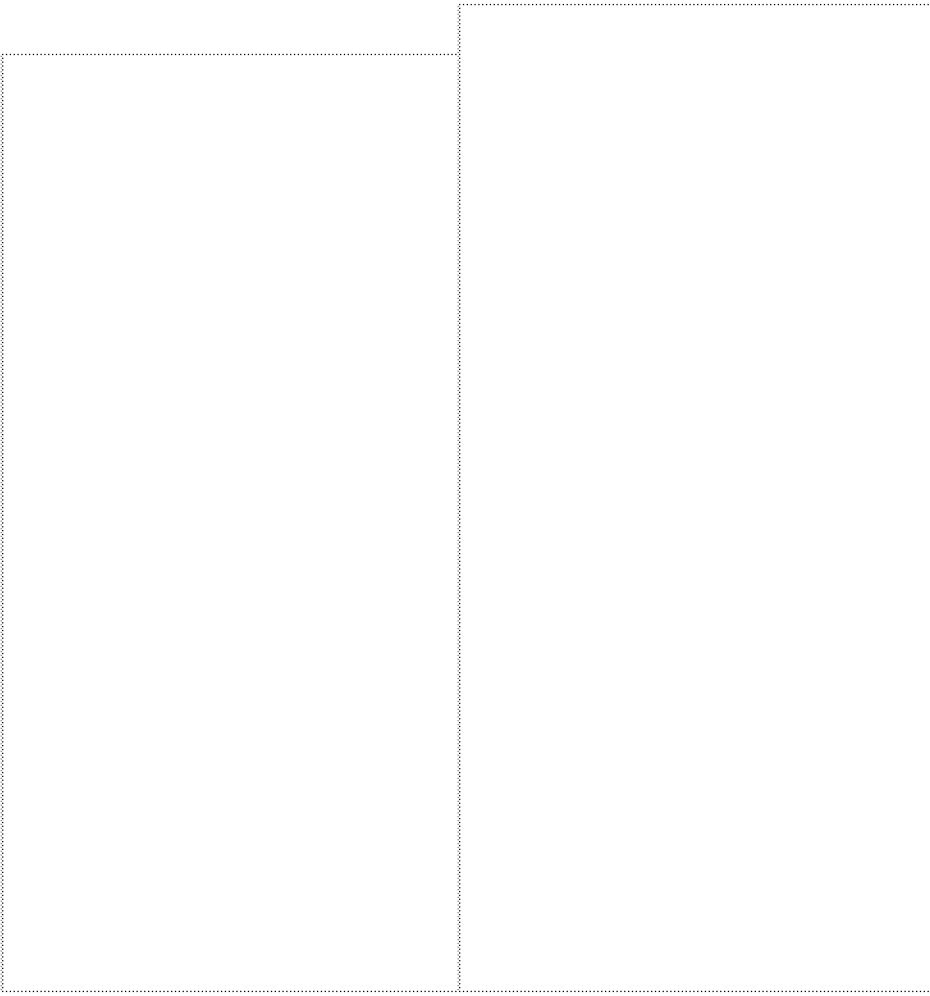
The following messages are being shared widely on social media:

- You can expect to see police checkpoints where you will be asked your reason for travelling within the Secured Area.
- There is an increased presence of police in the downtown core. We know this may be distressing to some residents. Officers are there to protect your safety.
- Charge laid in relation to Unlawful Protests in Ottawa [bit.ly/3iC4W8x](https://bit.ly/3iC4W8x) [t.co]
- There is a large police presence on Nicholas Street, protesters are being advised to leave immediately. Some protesters are surrendering and are being arrested. We ask protesters to remain peaceful and lawful.
- The Ottawa Police Service wants to inform you that under provincial and federal legislation, you will face severe penalties if you do not cease further unlawful activity and remove your vehicle and/or property immediately from all unlawful protest sites.
- All media who are attending the area, please keep a distance and stay out of police operations for your safety. Anyone found within areas undergoing enforcement may be subject to arrest. There will be a media availability later today at 474 Elgin Street.
- DEMONSTRATORS: You must leave. You must cease further unlawful activity and immediately remove your vehicle and/or property from all unlawful protest sites. Anyone within the unlawful protest site may be arrested.
- We are aware of a concerted effort to flood our 911 and non-emergency policing reporting line. This endangers lives and is completely unacceptable. It is a crime to unnecessarily call 911 or our non-emergency number (613-236-1222). We track calls and will charge anyone deliberately interfering with emergencies.
- DEMONSTRATORS: If you choose to leave but cannot move your vehicle, it will be towed. Follow the instructions below to retrieve it.

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